

grateful that we have so many cosponsors. I look forward to working with you to hopefully pass this and make this law in this country.

Mr. SARBANES. I want to thank my colleagues for joining me here this evening to talk about this critical issue of the influence Big Money and special interests on our politics and the way we govern here.

Professor Lessig has gotten a good shout out—and he deserves it—because he has really studied the effect of money on this institution.

There is a path to reform, and that is what the Government by the People Act is. I will close by sort of capturing this as a matter of voter empowerment.

In this country we view as sacrosanct the right to vote. We do everything we can—or we should do everything we can—and we even have legislation in front of us to make sure that we are preserving people's access to the ballot box, to the voting booth because the franchise is the most important thing in a democracy. It is the foundation of what American democracy is all about—protecting that franchise and making sure that people have that franchise.

If people go into the voting booth and they pull the lever and they exercise their franchise, and the day the person they send to Washington arrives and has to start representing Big Money

and special interests, then what happens to the franchise? What happens to the voice of the person who went in there and pulled that lever?

So the journey of empowerment, getting to the ballot box is just part of it. You have to protect that franchise so that when the candidate gets there, they can keep representing the interests of the people that voted to send them to Washington.

That is what the Government by the People Act is all about, because if you power your campaign with funds from small donors and a Freedom From Influence Matching Fund, when it comes time to cast your vote, the only people you are answering to are those citizens that you represent. That is the promise of the Government by the People Act—to create a government that is truly of, by, and for the people.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

PUBLICATION OF BUDGETARY MATERIAL

REVISIONS TO THE AGGREGATES AND ALLOCATIONS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET RESOLUTION

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2014.

MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 404 of H. Con. Res. 25, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014, I hereby sub-

mit for printing revisions to the aggregates and allocations set forth pursuant to such Concurrent Resolution, as deemed in force by section 113 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, Public Law 113-67. The revision reflects the budgetary impact of H.R. 4015, the SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014. A corresponding table is attached.

This revision represents an adjustment for purposes of enforcing sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. For the purposes of the Congressional Budget Act, these revised aggregates and allocations are to be considered as aggregates and allocations included in the budget resolution, pursuant to section 101 of H. Con. Res. 25 and H. Rept. 113-17, as adjusted.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. RYAN,
Chairman.

BUDGET AGGREGATES (On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars)

	Fiscal Year	
	2014	2014–2023
Current Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	2,924,837	1
Outlays	2,937,044	1
Revenues	2,311,026	31,095,742
SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment and Modernization Act of 2014 (H.R. 4015):		
Budget Authority	900	1
Outlays	900	1
Revenues	600	–12,700
Revised Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	2,925,737	1
Outlays	2,937,944	1
Revenues	2,311,626	31,083,042

¹ Not applicable because annual appropriations acts for fiscal years 2015 through 2023 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS FOR RESOLUTION CHANGES

(Fiscal years, in millions of dollars)

House Committee on Energy & Commerce	2014		2014–2023 total	
	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays
Current Allocation	358,134	358,717	4,927,478	4,926,519
SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment and Modernization Act of 2014 (H.R. 4015)	900	900	–46,200	–46,200
Revised Allocation	359,034	359,617	4,881,278	4,880,319

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A joint resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on House Administration.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4960. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmit-

ting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California, and in All Counties in Oregon, Except Malheur County; Termination of Marketing Order No. 947 [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-13-0036; FV13-947-1 FR] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4961. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-13-0076; FV13-966-1 FR] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4962. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Decreased Assessment Rate for Area No. 2 [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-13-0072; FV13-948-2 FR] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4963. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington and Imported Potatoes; Modification of the Handling Regulations, Reporting Requirements, and Import Regulations for Red Types of Potatoes [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-13-0068; FV13-946-3 IR] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4964. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting annual report on the current and future military strategy of Iran; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4965. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting a report on The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4966. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting memorandum of justification; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4967. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4968. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4969. A letter from the Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the U.S. Government's Fiscal years 2013 and 2012 Consolidated Financial Statements; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4970. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting